

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC MEETING: W.E. Skelton Educational Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake (4-H Center) in Wirtz, Virginia, on August 16, 2005 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Directions:** From 220 S, turn Left onto Wirtz Road (Rt. 697) (There will be an Exxon & Dairy Queen on the left, Plateau Park & Franklin Motel on the right.) Follow Wirtz Rd. for 5 miles to the stop sign. At stop sign, turn LEFT onto Rt. 122 N (Booker T. Washington Highway). Go 1 mile to Burnt Chimney Rd. Turn RIGHT onto Burnt Chimney Rd. (Rt. 670). Follow Burnt Chimney Rd. for 6.7 miles to Rt. 668. (Dudley's Schoolhouse Store will be on the right directly past the road.) Turn RIGHT onto Rt. 668 (Lovely Valley Rd.) Follow for 0.7 miles to the stop sign. Turn RIGHT onto Rt. 944 (Crafts Ford Rd.) Follow for 1.6 miles to a sharp curve. Turn left onto Hermitage Rd. (Rt. 669). Follow Hermitage Rd. to the 4-H Center.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality announces a public meeting and the start of a study to restore water quality in the Pigg River watershed.

MEETING DESCRIPTION: First public meeting on a study to restore water quality in the Pigg River watershed

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY: Virginia agencies are working to identify sources of bacterial pollution in the Pigg River watershed. This contamination exceeds water quality standards, which decreases the suitability of the water for swimming, kayaking and other recreational activities involving direct contact with the water.

The following is a list of the "impaired" waters, their location, the length of the impaired segment and the reason for the impairment: Pigg River, multiple counties, 63.98 miles, bacteria; Leesville Lake, Pittsylvania Co., 154 acres, bacteria; Storey Creek, Franklin Co., 11.60 miles, bacteria; Snow Creek,

Pittsylvania Co., 10.98 miles, bacteria; Old Womans Creek, Campbell Co., 4.86 miles, bacteria; and Big Chestnut Creek, Franklin Co., 12.88 miles, bacteria.

During the study, the state agencies will develop a total maximum daily load, or a TMDL, for the impaired waters. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, contamination levels to have to be reduced to the TMDL amount.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by September 16, 2005. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at the public meeting announced in this notice.

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